

### REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-16, 18-23, 25, 26, and 29 are currently pending. Claims 1, 14, and 29 have been amended by the present amendment. The additions and amendments to the claims are supported by the originally filed specification and do not add new matter.<sup>1</sup>

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 1-3, 5-7, 11, 13-16, 18-21, 26, and 29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0101608 to Whitmarsh, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0040692 to Matsueda et al. (hereinafter, "Matsueda"), and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0046065 to Furukawa et al. (hereinafter, "Furukawa"); Claims 9, 10, 22, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitmarsh, Matsueda, Furukawa, and Japanese Application Publication No. 2001-209503 to Shima; and Claims 12 and 25 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Whitmarsh, Matsueda, Furukawa and U.S. Application Publication No. 2002/0032761 to Aoyagi et al. (hereinafter, "Aoyagi").

In view of the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections, Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the hardware resources, the applications, and the platform are included in a cabinet of the image forming apparatus. Support for the above amendments is found at least in Fig. 2 and the description thereof in Applicants' specification, as filed.

Further, as previously presented, Claim 1 clarifies that (A) the image forming apparatus includes the claimed applications and platform, and (B) the image forming

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<sup>1</sup> See, e.g., Fig. 2 and the description thereof in Applicants' specification, as filed.

apparatus is separate from the client terminal to which the application of the image forming apparatus provides the screen data.

The Office Action associates the claimed applications and platform with Whitmarsh's print service print driver and central processing unit (CPU), respectively, and associates the claimed hardware resources with individual printers (18b) or facsimile machines (18c).<sup>2</sup>

Whitmarsh describes that Whitmarsh's client (12) includes an application program (44) configured with a user-selectable print command, and also includes a print service print driver (46).<sup>3</sup> Further, Whitmarsh describes that the client (12) includes a central processing unit (CPU) for processing of images.<sup>4</sup>

Therefore, in Whitmarsh, the print service print driver (46) and central processing unit (CPU) are comprised in the client (12), and are separate from the individual hardware resources like printers (18b) or facsimile machines (18c). There is **no** disclosure in Whitmarsh that the print service print driver (46), the central processing unit (CPU), and the individual hardware resources like printers (18b) or facsimile machines (18c) are comprised in a cabinet of an apparatus separate from the client (12).

Thus, Whitmarsh does **not** disclose or suggest that the hardware resources, the applications, and the platform are included in a cabinet of the image forming apparatus. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Matsueda or Furukawa, alone or in combination, does not remedy the deficiencies of Whitmarsh discussed above.

No matter how the teachings of Whitmarsh, Matsueda, and Furukawa are combined, the combination does **not** disclose or suggest that the hardware resources, the applications, and the platform are included in a cabinet of the image forming apparatus, as clarified in Claim 1.

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<sup>2</sup> See Office Action dated February 18, 2010, page 3.

<sup>3</sup> See Whitmarsh, paragraph [0024].

<sup>4</sup> Id. at paragraph [0021].

The above discussion regarding independent Claim 1 also applies to independent Claims 14 and 29 because these claims recite features analogous to the features recited in Claim 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) rejections of independent Claims 1, 14, and 29 be withdrawn. The dependent claims depending from independent Claims 1, 14, or 29 are patentable for at least the reasons the independent claims are patentable.

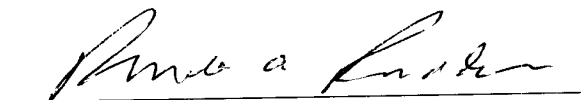
Consequently, in view of the present amendment and in light of the above discussion, the outstanding grounds for rejection are believed to have been overcome. The application as amended herewith is believed to be in condition for formal allowance. An early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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